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Testimony in support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60

I'm writing in support of these additional measures to keep Connecticut residents safe while respecting the rights of gun owners. Safe storage should not have to be regulated, but it as the tragic events in Guilford have proven again, they must be. Smart, safe gun laws give residents the parameters in which to live and keep guns, and allows victims of those who do not follow the law to have recourse.

With our federal lawmakers constantly cowering to the gun lobby and donators, I fully expect my state and local lawmakers to answer to a higher authority: the constituents they represent. You are tasked with keeping Connecticut safe and out of harm's way; safe storage laws, banning the atrocity of the killing machines which are ghost guns, and allowing law enforcement to ask for and receive a gun permit upon request are simple measures that should not take years of negotiation and debate.

I trust you will vote to support the safety and civility of Connecticut residents, and keep Connecticut out of harm's way.

Respectfully yours,

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